

Potential Centennial Challenge Projects & Programs

“Institute at the Golden Gate”—Environmental Leadership Programs at Fort Baker

Preliminary Description
Park Name/Acroynm:
Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GOGA)

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Approximate fiscal year for start up and completion:
FY 08–10

Brief Description

The Institute at the Golden Gate is a new program initiative of the GGNRA and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. The NPS Conservation Studies Institute is also a collaborating partner. The program will convene seminars, meetings, and conferences on emerging environmental issues involving land management and other important issues with NGOs, government agencies, and other private-sector partners. The Institute will attract, broker, and convene environmental meetings and events in an inspirational setting within the National Park.

The Institute will take advantage of co-location with spectacular, \$95 million retreat center developed and operated by an NPS lessee in a campus of rehabilitated historic buildings and new construction located adjacent to the Golden Gate Bridge. The 142-room retreat and conference center will open at Fort Baker in May 2008. Under the lease, NPS retains rights to use 10 percent of the total room capacity for programmatic meetings at a below-market (federal per diem) rate, distinguishing this project from conventional hotels.

This funding in FY08-09 will fund approximately three years of dedicated staff to attract and organize programs targeted to NPS and other land management agencies, focusing on the training and professional development needed to prepare the next generation of agency leaders and decision makers for their work.

Potential Partner(s)

- Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy
- Fort Baker Retreat Group, LLC
- Marin Community Foundation

Estimated Costs

- NPS Share..... \$300K
- Partner Share..... \$300K

TOTAL Cost..... \$600K

Anticipated Timeframe

Project Status:

- Retreat and Conference Center opening: May 2008
- Institute Plan completion: Spring 2008
- Operation: Fall 2008-2010.

View of Fort Baker and Highway 1 from the Coastal Trail in the Marin Headlands.